Sharing Information
Enhancing Preparedness
Strengthening Homeland Security

Channels on LLIS.gov

A TOOL FOR ENHANCING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) is a US Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency program. LLIS.gov serves as the national, online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency response and homeland security communities. This information and collaboration resource helps emergency response providers and homeland security officials prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies. LLIS.gov provides Federal, State, and local responders with a wealth of information and front-line expertise on effective planning, training, and operational practices across homeland security functional areas.

LLIS.gov at a Glance

- Online since April 19, 2004
- Over 50,000 registered members
- Over 14,000 documents, including more than 1,700 state and local plans, 700 after-action reports, and 900 original content documents
- Secure message boards and collaboration tools
- Targeted information on current homeland security topics

CHANNELS

To provide its members with extended information sharing capabilities, the *LLIS.gov* Team can help communities create topic-specific Channels. These Channels are distinct areas of *LLIS.gov* dedicated to specific communities and topics of interest and are administrated by a designated *LLIS.gov* member or members. This Channel administrator manages the Channel's membership and content with easy-to-use administrative tools. Channel members are encouraged to upload documents and events, which are then published by the administrator. Additionally, only *LLIS.gov* members who are invited to join a Channel and approved by the administrator can view a Channel.



FEATURES

Channels have internal features that can help communities easily and securely share information.

- Secure Email allows any Channel member to send an email to the Channel community as a whole by simply clicking the 'New' icon in the Secure Email box.
- Message Boards are useful for general questions or open conversations among Channel members.
- Upcoming Events that are of interest to the Channel community are uploaded by Channel members and are then approved by the administrator.
- Member Search provides contact information for Channel members to facilitate direct conversation.
- Document Library offers the Channel community a chance to review documents that would not be appropriate for the entire LLIS.gov community. Any Channel member can upload documents, which are then published by the Channel administrator.

An *LLIS.gov* representative can set up a Channel for you quickly and easily. Please contact <u>Channels@llis.dhs.gov</u> if you would like a Channel for your organization or area of interest.

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